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SUBJECT: SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN DISCUSSIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE
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1. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED US MAR 29 THEY HAVE SET UP MEETING WITH V. P. SUSLOV THIS WEEK AT WHICH GROUP OF DFA OFFICERS WILL MEET WITH SUSLOV AND SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS. DFA FEELS SURE THAT INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE IS ONE OF SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE RAISED, THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SOVIET ATTITUDE ON IOPZ. WE WILL REVIEW MATTER WITH DFA AFTER SUSLOV VISIT.

2. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, SPEAKING ON TV PROGRAM MAR 29, COMMENTED THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION SEEMED TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTING IN ENCOURAGING WAY IN RESPONDING TO AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTIONS

FOR RESTRAINT IN NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN. HE SAID AUSTRALIA
WANTED TO STOP A NAVAL ARMS RACE IN INDIAN OCEAN. HE ADDED IT
WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR AUSTRALIA TO PASS UP ANY OPPORTUNITY TO
ENCOURAGE OR URGE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION TO COME TO SOME ARMS
LIMITATION AGREEMENT AFFECTING INDIAN OCEAN, NOW THAT SUEZ CANAL
WILL SOON BE REOPENED.
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